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To: All Interested Parties

Subject: Bulls Entering California – Trichomonosis Test Requirements

Effective October 5, 2007, the laws protecting California's cattle from bovine trichomonosis will change. The requirements include:

Bulls 18 months of age and over entering California from unaffected herds require:

- Official individual identification and an entry permit
- One (1) negative trichomonosis test within 60 days prior to entry into California, collected after at least 10 days without contact with sexually mature female cattle
- Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) stating:
 - “The bull(s) represented on this CVI have been tested for and found to be negative for trichomonosis, and have been confined and have not had sexual contact with females since their last negative test,” and
 - “Trichomonosis has not been diagnosed in the herd of origin in the past 24 months.”

Pasture-to-Pasture (P-P) bulls from unaffected herds require:

- Official individual identification and pasture to pasture permit into California
- One (1) negative trichomonosis test within 12 months prior to entry
- Copy of trichomonosis test chart attached to the permit
- First movement test must be completed by October 5, 2008

Bulls from herds (including P-P herds) diagnosed with trichomonosis within the past 24 months require:

- Official individual identification, entry permit, and three (3) negative trichomonosis tests conducted at least seven (7) days, but not more than 28 days apart, with the last test conducted within 60 days of entry into California.

Exemptions from trichomonosis testing – Bulls imported for:

- Exhibition only:
 - Must leave CA after exhibition and not have access to sexually mature female cattle
- Artificial insemination using protocols that meet Certified Semen Services standards
- Consignment to slaughter without unloading prior to arrival at slaughter plant.

Sincerely,

Signature on file

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